

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re divisional application of :

KENZO ISHIZUKA ET AL. :

Serial No. 828,841 :

filed August 29, 1977. :

ANTIBIOTIC COMPOSITIONS :

(divisional application filed  
herewith) :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please  
amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1, 11 and 14 without prejudice to  
the subject matter thereof and add the following claims  
in their place:

-- Cl. 15. A vacuum-sealed vial, which contains a solid  
antibiotic composition comprising 7 $\beta$ -[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-  
yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}  
thiomethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride or its  
hydrate and sodium carbonate or sodium hydrogen carbonate,  
the ratio of the hydrogen chloride moiety of 7 $\beta$ -[2-(2-imino-4-  
thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-  
tetrazol-5-yl}thiomethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydro-  
chloride or its hydrate relative to said sodium carbonate or

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